

Wire Cage for \$5,000 Tree

New Jersey Farmer Sold Freak Branch Which Bore New Variety of Fruit.

BOUGHT BY NURSERY FIRM

Owner Was Paid \$1,000 and Will Get Two Cents for Each Bud That Is Developed—Will Be Subjected to Exhaustive Tests.

Ferrell, N. J.—A wire cage has been constructed around the "\$5,000 apple tree" in the orchard of Lewis Mood, a farmer living at Ferrell, in South Harrison township, Gloucester county. Mood recently sold a branch from this particular tree, producing an entirely new variety of apple, to one of the big nursery firms of the country for what is said to be a record-breaking price for this fruit.

The public will have to wait two years or more before it can learn very much about the Mood apple, as it is being guarded with the greatest secrecy, indicated by the erection of the stout wire cage entirely around the tree. All that is known so far is that it is a red apple of exceptional size and sweetness. There is no other apple just like it in this country, so far as horticultural experts have been able to determine.

To Be Tested.

This new variety will be subjected to the most exhaustive tests under various climatic and soil conditions throughout the United States, before the nursery firm which has bought it is willing to place it upon the market. Orchard science as applied through top budding will make it possible to produce the new fruit in quantities large enough for experimental purposes within a year or two.

The new apple is purely an accident of nature, being a freak from one of the ordinary orchard varieties. Mood noticed several years ago that one of the branches of a particular tree in his orchard was bearing an apple that was different, both in color and flavor from the fruit from other limbs on the same tree. He watched this apple carefully for season after season. He took off some buds and started other trees.

The big red Mood apples were in such demand among his customers that last season he sold \$75 worth of apples from the original tree alone.

Nursery Men Interested.

A representative of a nursery company learned that the Jersey farmer had an apple that was attracting attention and he called to see Mood. "I had thought of trying to put out this new apple myself," said Mood in talking of his "find." "I put a price on the apple that I thought would keep those fellows from pestering me about selling. They got the head of the company here to look over the apple and to see the tree and we came to terms."

Just what these terms are are set forth in a bill of sale and a surveyor's record of the exact location of the tree, which have been filed in the Gloucester county clerk's office at Woodbury. Even the particular branch of the tree is designated in this unusual record.

According to the agreement on file which is corroborated by Mood in personal conversation, he has received \$1,000 in cash and is to get \$4,000 in "royalties" at the rate of two cents for each bud that is taken from the original branch or any trees developed from it. These buds will be grafted upon stock to produce trees of the new variety.

"Five thousand dollars seems like a big price for an apple," remarked one well informed nurseryman regarding Mood's sale, "but in these days a new apple of exceptional quality, color and size is worth a small fortune to any one who has the courage and organization to introduce it to the nation."

An Old Mortgage.

Philadelphia.—A mortgage for \$650 recorded November 8, 1845—77 years ago—against the Haagen farm in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, has just been satisfied at the office of Register and Recorder P. S. Kift, Lock Haven. The original holder of the mortgage was William G. Jackson, who later became a resident of Nottingham, Va. The amount due was paid within a year after the mortgage was given, but the transaction had never been cleared up on the books.

Star RZ Cephei Fastest of All

Harvard Observatory Declares That 2,500,000 Miles Per Hour Is Its Pace.

LONG KNOWN TO ASTRONOMERS

Speed of the Star Was Measured at Harvard Observatory by Complicated Process of Observations and Computations.

Cambridge, Mass.—Nearly 2,500,000 miles per hour, or 1,100 kilometers per second, is the speed record set by the star RZ Cephei, which, according to a bulletin issued by the Harvard college observatory, has been found by Harvard astronomers to be moving through space with a greater velocity than that of any other star whose speed has yet been determined.

This star, a variable star of the so-called cluster type, has long been known to astronomers, but its velocity was never measured until recently. It is far too faint to be seen with the naked eye, is being of the tenth magnitude. It is in the constellation Cepheus, and is 3,500 light years distant from the earth, which means that the light from it which astronomers now see through their telescopes started on its journey to the earth in the time of the shepherd kings of Egypt, nearly 1,900 years before Christ.

Velocity Is Greatest.

That distance is only a small fraction of the distance from the earth to some of the more distant star clusters, but the outstanding fact about RZ Cephei is that its velocity as it flies through space is the greatest yet known for a star.

The speed of the star was measured at the Harvard observatory by a complicated process of observations and computations, including among other things the comparison of photographs recently taken at Harvard with others taken 31 years ago, when the observatory was just beginning its task of preserving a photographic history of the entire sky. Since that time a "sky patrol" has been kept without interruption at Cambridge, supplemented by photographs taken at the station at Arequipa, Peru, and the history of the stars down to the eleventh magnitude has been written by the stars themselves on over 250,000 photographic plates weighing 140 tons.

Study Sky Photographs.

Most of the discoveries made by Harvard astronomers, it is said at Cambridge, are not made by looking through a telescope at night, as is popularly supposed, but by doing what was done in the case of this discovery of the speed of RZ Cephei, by studying and measuring by day, in the laboratory, photographs taken at night, and by computing the significance of the changes in the brilliance or position or spectra of the stars as recorded on these plates.

The discovery of the immense speed of RZ Cephei is said to be important to astronomers as suggesting that this type of variable star escapes from the globular clusters, a hypothesis suggested also by other recent observations.

PENSION LINE IS GROWING THINNER

Commissioner's Report Shows Civil War Men Are Fading.

\$4,900,000 Less Paid to Veterans in 1921—73 Soldiers Drawing Pensions for Service in Mexican War.

Washington.—The American pension system cost the public \$255,201,062 during the fiscal year ended last June 30, according to the annual report of the commissioner of pensions. Of this amount \$253,807,583 was paid out for pensions, the cost of maintenance of the system being \$1,394,079.

That the number of pensioners is rapidly diminishing is shown in the statement that \$4,908,259 less was paid in pensions during the last fiscal year than during the previous year; that 25,082 Civil war veterans died, as against 24,775 for the previous year, and that 21,259 widows died, as compared to 19,451 the year previous.

The number of pensioners on the rolls June 30, 1922, was 547,016, compared with 568,053 on June 30 the previous year. Of these 103,881 were Civil war veterans; 271,194 Civil war widows; 45,955 veterans of the Spanish-American war, and 9,198 widows of Spanish-American war veterans. There were 73 soldiers drawing pensions for service in the war with Mexico and 49 widows of soldiers of the war of 1812.

Several important modifications of the practice of the pension bureau were brought about during the year by departmental decisions. One decision held that a person who enlisted in the regular army subsequent to April 22, 1898, and was discharged on or before April 11, 1899, or who enlisted in the navy or marine corps after May 4, 1898, and was discharged prior to April 11, 1899, could be considered "a volunteer." This holding favorably affected hundreds of claims filed by widows and minors of soldiers of the Spanish-American war.

In the last fiscal year, 130,736 pension claims were disposed of and 2,209,707 checks prepared and sent out. At the close of the year 82,615 claims under various pension laws were pending.

ONE-TON CANDLE FOR CARUSO

Sixteen-Foot Memorial Taper Made in New York Designed to Last Eighteen Centuries.

New York.—A candle of chemically treated beeswax, five feet in circumference at the base, 18 feet high and weighing one ton, known as the Enrico Caruso memorial candle, has just been completed in the studios of Antonio Ajello & Bro., and will be shipped to Pompeii, Italy, within a few days. It cost \$3,700 and was made on the order of an orphan asylum in New York of which Caruso was a generous benefactor.

The candle will be placed in the Church of Our Lady of Pompeii, where Caruso last worshipped. It is intended to last 18 centuries, burning at the suggestion of Cardinal Vanthel, 24 hours on each All Souls' day.

The AMERICAN LEGION

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URGES BUDDIES TO PAY DUES

Major General Tyndall, National Treasurer, Advocates Financial Independence.

Credit of the American Legion's sound financial standing is given by Legionnaires to Maj. Gen. Robert Tyndall of Indianapolis, recently re-appointed national treasurer of the ex-service men's organization.

At all national conventions and Legion gatherings of various kinds, General Tyndall has insisted upon the adoption of a financial policy whereby national headquarters shall be able to stand upon its own feet without incurring any outside obligation forcing the Legion to lose a bit of its independence and freedom of action.

General Tyndall's message to Legionnaires this year is a reiteration of his advocacy of financial independence with a request that Legion members pay their dues early in order that the posts may find themselves free to carry out the program of relief for disabled, Americanism and other important measures. General Tyndall believes that too much energy is expended in the collection of dues which should be paid to the post finance officer upon notification of the member.

The military career of General Tyndall dates back to 1897, when he enlisted as a private. He served in Porto Rico during the Spanish-American war, on the Mexican border as commanding officer of the One Hundred and Fiftieth artillery of the Forty-second (Rainbow) division in the World war, participating in all major offensives. He now commands the Thirty-eighth National Guard division.

HELPED WIN THE WORLD WAR

National Vice Commander, of Wyoming, Typifies Spirit of the West in Great Conflict.

Chiles P. Plummer of Casper, Wyo., national vice commander of the American Legion, typifies the spirit of the West in the World war. Although he was a thirty-eight years old at its outbreak, he couldn't stay out of the scrap. So he threw away his four-gallon chapeau and donned a campaign hat, spending twenty-two months in the service.

Mr. Plummer Chiles Plummer served as captain of artillery in the One Hundred Sixteenth ammunition train, composed of two battalions of the old Third Wyoming infantry, remaining fifteen months in France, where his organization was a part of the Forty-first division.

An organizer of the George Vroman post of the Legion at Casper, Mr. Plummer served as its first commander. He was active in outfitting clubrooms for that post and in its general development. A fighter for the rights of disabled ex-service men, Mr. Plummer's activity in their behalf obtained national recognition, resulting in his election, as national executive committeeman, and later as national vice commander. He is a lawyer, was educated at the University of Illinois and is proud of the fact that he is a fraternity brother of Alvin M. Owsley, Legion national commander.

In Bad Shape.

The Professor—I'm in bed with my wife again.

His Friend—How's that?

The Professor—I called her dearie last night, and now she thinks I've been leading a double life.—American Legion Weekly.

Appointment for Mrs. Hobart. Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart, past president of the American Legion Auxiliary, has been appointed chairman of the Auxiliary committee on welfare and hospital relief.

Merchant Now Eats Anything on Table

"By the help of Tanlac I have overcome a case of nervous indigestion I had suffered from for ten or twelve years," is the emphatic statement of Norman W. Brown, well-known wall paper and paint dealer, of 213 N. Cedar St., Charlotte, N. C.

"My stomach was always out of fix and everything disagreed with me. I was troubled with heartburn and distress, and at times there was a pressure of gas around my heart that almost cut off my breath."

"Since taking Tanlac my digestion is fine. My appetite is a wonder and I eat just anything I want. In fact, my stomach acts and feels just like a new one and my nerves are as steady as a die. To put it all in a few words, I am just the same as a new man. It's a pleasure for me to tell my friends about Tanlac."

Tanlac is sold by all good druggists.—Advertisement.

HUMOR IN INDIANA PULPIT

Testimony as to Friend's Eloquence Probably Thoroughly Understood by the Congregation.

Dr. Robert J. Aley, president of Butler college, and the Rev. Allan B. Philpott, pastor of the Central Christian church, are friends of long standing. Each has a keen vein of humor which occasionally crops out at the expense of the other.

Not long ago, when it was necessary for Doctor Philpott to be out of the city over Sunday, he called on Doctor Aley to preach for him. Doctor Aley faced a large audience when he arose to speak and he prefaced his sermon with the following:

"I have long been a friend and admirer of your pastor. I have heard his eloquent sermons many, many times. I have heard him in Philadelphia and I have heard him in Indianapolis. As he himself puts it, brethren, I have slept under his sermons in three cities."—Indianapolis News.

No ugly, grimy streaks on the clothes when Red Cross Ball Blue is used. Good bluing gets good results. All grocers carry it.—Advertisement.

The Whole Story.

"What are the salient details of this domestic 'triangle'?"

"The husband who didn't understand is suing for divorce from the wife, who wasn't understood."

"I see."

"And he has named as co-respondent the man who didn't understand, either, but thought he did."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

He's an exceptional egotist who can make his "I's" behave.

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Five hundred women, garbed as those in robes and masks like those worn by the Ku Klux Klan, paraded the streets of Atlanta a few night ago, refusing to give their names, but stating that they were members of a secret Protestant organization for women which is to become nation-wide in its extent. They said they were initiating their members on top of Stone mountain, the spot where the Ku Klux Klan was organized and where the Klan still holds its ceremonies. Every indication is that a woman's branch of the Ku Klux Klan is being organized, although the Klan denies any affiliation with it.